## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re patent application of:

) Attorney Docket No.: E-978

Thomas J. Foth

) Group Art Unit:

Serial No.:

) Examiner:

Filed: Concurrently herewith

) Date: December 29, 1999

Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REFUNDS IN A

POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached Transmittal Letter, Patent Application, Declaration, Drawings, Recordation of Assignment, and Assignment were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail on December 29, 1999. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EJ706015577US.

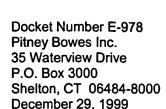
Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Shapiro Reg. No. 35,677 Attorney of Record

Telephone (203) 924-3880

PITNEY BOWES INC. Intellectual Property and Technology Law Department 35 Waterview Drive P.O. Box 3000 Shelton, CT 06484-8000







BOX PATENT APPLICATION ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: Thomas J. Foth

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REFUNDS IN A POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

14 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

3 sheets of drawings.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

A Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail.

A Recordation of Assignment Request and an Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Inc., World Headquarters, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700.

Fees calculated as follows:

Basic Fee							\$ 760.00
Claims Fee	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		
Total Claims	10	- 20 =	0	X	\$18.00	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3=	0	X	\$78.00	=	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$260.00	=	\$
Total Filing Fee							\$ 760.00

Please charge our Deposit Account Number 16-1885 in the amount of \$ 760.00 for the filing fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account Number 16-1885.

A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for use in charging the Deposit Account.

Steven J. Shapi o Reg. No. 35,677 Attorney of Record

Telephone (203) 924-3880